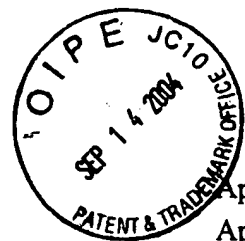


09-15-04

2178⁴¹



Application No. : 09/800,330
Applicant : Dames, *et al.*
Filed : March 6, 2001
TC/A.U. : 2178
Examiner : NGUYEN, DANG T
Docket No. : 6169-143
IBM Docket No. : BOC9-1999-0090

Confirmation No. : 2967

RECEIVED

SEP 16 2004

Technology Center 2100

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

1. Response to Office Action with attachments;
2. Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131;
3. Confidential Information Disclosure BOC8-1999-0119, submitted in attached envelope in confidence under seal; and
4. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

This Transmittal Letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Date:

14 Sep 2004

Gregory A. Nelson, Registration No. 30,577
Richard A. Hinson, Registration No. 47,652
Brian K. Buchheit, Registration No. 52,667
AKERMAN SENTERFITT
Customer No. 40987
Post Office Box 3188
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3188
Telephone: (561) 653-5000

Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via U.S.P.S. Express Mail to MAILSTOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date

14 Sep 2004

Brian K. Buchheit, Esquire

Reg. No. 52,667